employment ventures. Under Scheme of Urban Wage Employment (SUWE), and Scheme of Housing & Shelter Upgradation (SHASU) 496.77 lakh mandays of work have been generated under the existing NRY.

URBAN BASIC SERVICES FOR THE POOR (UBSP): 3409 Neighbourhood Development Committees comprising primarily of urban poor women have been set up in around 280 towns taken up for provision of basic services all over the country. This represents community based structures covering around 42.02 lakh low income women and children. 2779 mini plans have already been prepared and 460 Community Organisers are in the field working as Catalysts for enriching community participation. To strengthen the quality of implementation and streamlining planning, based on needs, State Traiing Institutes have been operationlised in 14 States alongwith 14 Field Training Institutes. Two National Institutes namely National Institute of Urban Affairs, Delhi and Regional Centre for Environmental and Urban Studies, Hyderabad have also been strengthened to provide operational support to states.

Allotment of Government accommodation on compassionate grounds

1709. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision not to uproot the allottees of Government accommodation who were allotted the same on compassionate or other grounds; and

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) The allotment of General Pool Residential Accommodation, whether made on compassionate or other grounds, subsists as long as the allottee remains eligible for such accommodation in accordance with the provisions contained in the Allotment of Government Residences (General Pool in Delhi) Rules, 1963. Certain allotments made to special categories such as Artists, Freedom Fighters etc., subsist for the specified period of allotment and the licence is revoked only after allowing one month's notice, after expiry of the stipulated period of allotment. Hence, there is no question of uprooting the allottees who have been allotted Government accommodation on compassionate or other grounds unless a person has become ineligible to hold the accommodation.

Allotment of quarters to widows of erstwhile leaders

1710. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have not yet taken action to protect the allotment of quarters given to some widows of erstwhile leaders in New Delhi area;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to take concrete steps to protect these allottees; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) to (d) Some of the widows of the erstwhile leaders have been allotted Govt. accommodation in Delhi for their life time. Each of such cases has been considered on merits. No specific guidelines have been laid down for dealing with such requests.

Recently, it has been decided that after the demise of a freedom fighter, the widow would be allowed